Kevin Brady represents the 8th Congressional District of Texas and serves as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over taxes, health care, Social Security, Medicare, international trade, and welfare. As Chairman, Kevin is focused on advancing solutions to enhance economic freedom and strengthen America's economy for the long term. Under Kevin's leadership, the Ways and Means Committee in 2016 led several important parts of Speaker Paul Ryan's "Better Way" agenda. Kevin led the Committee's effort to deliver a detailed Blueprint for comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform. He and the Committee also helped craft policy proposals to fight poverty and repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Kevin previously chaired the Ways and Means Committee's Health Subcommittee and served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the bicameral Joint Economic Committee. Until 2013, Kevin chaired the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, where he led the successful effort to pass new sales agreements with Panama, South Korea, and Colombia. In addition, he played a key role in the passage of the Dominican Republic–Central American Free Trade Agreement. Prior to his election to Congress, Kevin worked as a chamber of commerce executive for 18 years and served six years in the Texas House of Representatives. He is a Distinguished Alumni of the University of South Dakota, and lives in Montgomery County, Texas, with his wife and two sons.